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Re: Docket No. DN2002113D01

Sir:

This is a request for filing a Divisional application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b), of pending prior application Serial No. 10/225,950, filed on August 22, 2002, of Terry Frank Allen, et al. for METHOD FOR SPLICING A CONVEYOR BELT, presently pending in Art Unit 3651.

1. Enclosed are the specification and drawings for the subject patent application and a copy of the originally filed Declaration and Power of Attorney.

2. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the filing fee of \$770.00 to Account No. 07-1725. The filing fee is calculated as shown below:

**CLAIMS REMAINING IN THE APPLICATION**

Basic Fee.....\$770.00

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Number of independent claims minus 3, times \$86.00.....

**TOTAL FILING FEE.....\$770.00**

3. The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 07-1725. Duplicate copies of this sheet are enclosed.

4. Please enter the Preliminary Amendment enclosed herewith.

5. Please enter the Information Disclosure Statement enclosed herewith.

6. The prior application is assigned to The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, but has not yet been recorded.

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7. The Applicants hereby incorporate by reference prior Application Serial No. 10/225,950, filed August 22, 2002, presently pending.

8. The attached photocopy of the Declaration signed by the Inventors indicates that the Power of Attorney appearing in the original papers in the prior application is to:

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9. Address all future communications to Intellectual Property Law Department 823, The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, Akron, Ohio 44316-0001. Direct Telephone calls to: John D. DeLong at 330-796-8757.



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Enclosures

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